



MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Wes Bruce

DATE: March 30, 2010

SUBJECT: Assessment Update

ISTEP

2010 ISTEP+ Test Dates

ISTEP+ Applied Skills March 1-10, 2010 (test and materials pickup are complete)

ISTEP+ Multiple Choice April 26-May 5, 2010

Approximately 28,000 students will take the ISTEP+ online this year. Training for schools administering the test online began March 16th and will continue through April 8th.

GQE

The spring GQE Retest Results will be posted May 10, 2010.

End of Course Tests (ECA)

The next ECA window is the “Spring” window April 26 – June 9, 2010. This is the window when the vast majority of our students take the ECAs. Current registration for the “Spring” window stands at:

Algebra I	120,736
English	88,633
Biology I	94,036

Cut scores will be set for Algebra I and English 10 in July. We anticipate both Education Roundtable and State Board meetings in late July.

Diagnostic Assessments

The application process for Year 3 of the Diagnostic Assessments (Wireless and Acuity) closed March 1. We anticipate notifying schools of the awards in mid-April.

Growth

Phase 2 of the growth model has been released and a series of WebEx presentations has taken place. Phase 3 (secure access of individual student growth) is well under way and we are on track for an April release through The Learning Connection..